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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA
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RIYADH FOR GENERAL HUDACHEK

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:MASS, SA, US

SUBJECT:EXTENSION OF THE SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD PROGRAM

REF: JIDDA 1834; STATE 090374

1. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD
PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO PRINCE ABDULLAH'S REQUEST IN HIS
LETTER TO AMBASSADOR (REFTEL A). DOD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED
TO BEGIN WORK ON DETAILS OF EXTENSION PROPOSAL IN CO-
OPERATION WITH PROGRAM MANAGER AND SANG OFFICIALS. SAG
MUST UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL
APPROVAL,PROGRAM MUST BE PRESENTED FOR CONGRESSIONAL
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REVIEW.

2. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT FOLLOWING LETTER
TO PRINCE ABDULLAH AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY:

BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: AS I STATED IN MY
LETTER TO YOU OF MARCH 4, I HAVE PERSONALLY PRESENTED

YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. GENERAL HUDACHEK WAS ALSO IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM.

I AM MOST PLEASED TO ASSURE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU IN CONTINUING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD. MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ASSISTING YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND FULLY APPRECIATES THE KEY CONTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN FULFILLING THIS RESPONSIBILITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF IN DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR THE GUARD, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION.

AS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH YOU A FIRM PLAN ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE MODERNIZATION WE WILL NEED TO PRESENT TO CONGRESS FOR ITS REVIEW, AS REQUIRED BY US LAW, SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR US EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

AT YOUR PLEASURE, GENERAL HUDACHEK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MY STAFF ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THOSE OFFICERS YOU SO DESIGNATE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE GUARD. SINCERELY, JOHN C. WEST.
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END TEXT.

3, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT AND DOD WHEN LETTER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PRINCE ABDULLAH.

4. FYI - WE HAVE NOT YET DECIDED HOW SIGNATURE OF LOA OR LOAS SHOULD BE HANDLED FOR CEILING MANAGEMENT PURPOSES
END FYI. VANCE

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